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"The paramount duty of the people's governments of all levels is to give relief to the people in the calamity-stricken areas. They shall study the local conditions and make the most feasible preparation to prevent famine.

"To do this job well, responsible personnel shall organize all available helpers and shall lead in relief work. They shall then formulate the best relief methods, forbid irrational and unfair distribution of relief grain, call on the afflicted people to help each other rehabilitate, and prevent anyone from leaving the calamity areas to burden other areas.

"In the flooded areas, preparations shall be made to start a great production in the spring. When spring approaches, the fast-growing crops shall be raised first, and fish shall be caught to replenish dwindling food stockpiles. It is also essential to maintain livestock and work animals, repair farm equipment, and accumulate fertilizer. Finally, at all times, the austerity program shall be continued under the slogan, "Convert Foodstuff into Production Capital."

KUANG-CHOU STARTS WINTER RELIEF WORK -- Wen-hui Pao, 27 Dec 49

Kuang-chou -- The 60-member Kuang-chou Winter Relief Committee of the Kuang-chou People's government held its first meeting on 26 December to set up the city-wide winter relief program which begins in January and ends in March 1950.

The program calls for: the sheltering of 2,000 destitute persons, including refugees from Huang-sha and Chu Chiang districts; the sending home of 10,000 displaced persons from other provinces, or from elsewhere in Kwangtung Province; and the lending of money at no interest to 300 poor families to start small-scale home industries.

It was decided that 2,391,600,000 yuan in people's currency will be required for this program. Two billion yuan of this sum will be exacted from money sharks. The remainder will be raised by subscription in Kuang-chou, Hong Kong, and Amoy.

The meeting elected 15 members of the Standing Committee to facilitate this winter campaign. The Standing Committee will be organized into the following sections: recording, finance, sheltering, refugee relief, production loan, fund subscription, and publicity. Various city organized groups will assist the Standing Committee.

The chairman of the Winter Relief Committee is Li Chang-ta (Ueda: 4735, 8366, 12052), deputy mayor of Kuang-chou. The deputy chairmen are: Ch'en Ju-t'ang (12864, 5983, 5039), chief, Public Health Office, Kwangtung Provincial People's government, and Ku Kuan-hsien (1142, 12790, 11397), deputy chief, Political Bureau, Kuang-chou People's government.

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